



Notes from *Jamie*

Arkansas is one of 12 states participating in the Pathways to Cultural Competence Project with NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children). The goal of NAEYC's Pathways to Cultural Competence Project is to give early childhood programs two checklists to help guide them in reflecting and improving upon their use of culturally-competent practices. The Pathways to Cultural Competence Project is funded by the A.L. Mailman Family Foundation.

Programs directors and teachers will be asked to complete a checklist at the onset of the project, and again at the end of the project. The timeframe will be approximately 12 months. Training and technical assistance will be offered during this timeframe to increase the level of awareness and knowledge around the issue of culturally competence practices.

*NAEYC believes that "[f]or optimal development and learning of all children, educators must **accept** the legitimacy of children's home language, **respect** (hold in high regard) the home culture, and **promote** and **encourage** the active involvement and support of all families, including extended and nontraditional family units" (NAEYC 1995, 2).*

There will be a webinar scheduled to discuss the details of the project for programs who are interested in participating. Please email Jamie Morrison at jamie.morrison@arkansas.gov if you are interested in getting more information.

**Regional
ABC Coordinator Meeting
November 30, 2010
El Dorado, AR
9:00am—3:00pm**

Lots of Nutritional Information.
Seating is limited so register early. Visit
TAPP to register [http://
professionalregistry.astate.edu](http://professionalregistry.astate.edu)

MONKEYNASTIX



Our children are not moving enough!! An internationally tried and tested exercise and activity program is now available in Arkansas. Our focus is holistic physical development, movement and exercise of pre-school children. Not sports specific and non-competitive, therefore all children can attend our fun filled lessons! Monkeynastix is an established International Company with more than 16 years success in our respective field. Our comprehensive curriculum and structured lesson plans focuses on ensuring that all developmental skills required for pre-school children are met and assessed regularly. We reinforce what teachers and parents are instructing by incorporating some of the following into our lessons :

- Emotional intelligence (e.g respect yourself and others)
- Social skills (e.g please and thank you)
- Environmental awareness (e.g conserve water)
- Moral standards (waiting your turn)
- Healthy habits (e.g brushing your teeth, sun protection, hygiene)



This unique program can be implemented at your facility at an affordable cost. For more information please visit www.monkeynastix.net or contact Lorrain at 501-520 8951

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COPA BILLING

We hope that everyone is familiar with the billing process at this point in the year. However, several errors are still appearing that could be avoided by carefully viewing your report before you approve and submit your billing.

- Make sure the billing is the correct number of children.
- Make sure the program model and program option are correct.
- If you see any errors on the billing report, please call your data specialist immediately to rectify any errors.
- Enroll children with correct enrollment dates.
- Use the check-boxes on billing report to select child for payment, or if not leave check box blank.

Billing must be submitted your billing by the 5th of every month. Remember, you are submitting for the previous months enrollment. If you enter a child during the 1st-thru the 5th, you **MUST** enter the correct enrollment date or that child will not appear on the billing report.

Example: November 5th—Billing Due Date
Johnny Joe starts the ABC Test Agency on October 25, 2010. You go into COPA to enroll him on November 1st, and do not back date the enrollment date. COPA will read as if Johnny Joe started on November 1st instead of October 25, 2010. Because you are submitting the billing report for the previous months enrollment (October) Johnny Joe will not show up on the report.

